

Device part number

PRO-PRCAMP (PromethION A-Series Data Acquisition Unit)

PRO-SEQ024 (PromethION 24 Sequencer)/PRO-SEQ048 (PromethION 48 Sequencer)

Device name

PromethION 24 A-Series

PromethION 48 A-Series

Short description

PromethION devices deliver flexible, high-capacity, benchtop sequencing ideal for large-scale projects and high-throughput laboratories. PromethION A-Series is designed to run up to 48 flow cells — delivering yields of up to 14 Tbases. Each flow cell can be run independently, providing on-demand, long-read sequencing to suit all experimental requirements. Integrated, high-performance compute allows real-time base calling and onward analysis for rapid access to results.

Product overview

PromethION A-Series is a high-throughput nanopore sequencing device using the same technology found in the MinION and GridION devices, but massively paralleled. It allows up to 48 sequencing experiments to be run concurrently or individually. PromethION also allows users to offer nanopore sequencing as a service.

The PromethION consists of a Sequencing Unit with 24/48 sequencing ports (for PromethION 24 and 48, respectively) where PromethION flow cells can be inserted, as well as an A-Series Data Acquisition Unit offering a high performance integrated computer and basecalling accelerators. The device can basecall, in real-time, the data generated by 24 or 48 flow cells. The current chemistry and software enables generation of up to 200 Gbases of data from a single PromethION flow cell.

Setting up a PromethION A-Series requires minimal to no facility upgrades. A new device requires a power source, network connectivity via copper or fibre, and will utilise existing storage infrastructure. There are USB ports available for peripherals, e.g. keyboard and mouse. Monitors must be connected via HDMI.



Technical specifications

Component	Specification
Size and weight	PromethION Sequencer: H 190 x W 590 x D 430 mm, 25 kg PromethION A-Series Data Acquisition Unit: H 440 x W 178 x D 470mm, 25 kg
Data Acquisition Unit specification	60 TB SSD Storage, 512 GB RAM, 4 x NVIDIA Ampere GPU cards for basecalling acceleration
Pre-loaded software	Linux (Ubuntu) OS, PromethION OS (<i>MinKNOW inside</i>), Guppy software
Environmental conditions	Designed to sequence at room temperature (+18°C–25°C) Users should allow 30 cm clearance to the rear and sides of the device. CAUTION: Rear of instrument heats up during operation.

Shipping and logistics

The Oxford Nanopore Technologies PromethION A-Series device is stored and shipped at ambient temperature (15–25°C).

Please note that the PromethION A-Series is shipped separately to the kits and flow cells.

IT requirements

[PromethION 24/48 A-Series IT requirements](#)

Safety and legal information

Intended use of the PromethION A-Series device

Oxford Nanopore Technologies® PromethION A-Series device is an electronic analysis system for use in scientific research. The core technology is built around a nanopore that is able to detect single molecule events including nucleic acids (DNA/RNA), proteins and small molecules.

This product is for research use only

The safety information below provides you with the details needed to install and use the system safely.

Electrical information

PromethION A100 / A-Series Data Acquisition Unit	Mains supply voltage: 200-240 VAC (50/60 Hz) Peak power consumption: 2,450 W
PromethION 24/48 Sequencing Unit	Mains supply voltage: 100-240 VAC (50/60 Hz) Peak power consumption: 1,200 W

*PromethION A-Series Data Acquisition Unit contains an additional redundant power supply for reliability.

The PromethION A100/A-series requires electricity from a mains source at 200-240 V. If you are in a region where this is not standard (e.g., the U.S.), you will need access to two main sockets with mains electricity at 200-240 V.

Emergency procedures

In case of emergency, switch the PromethION A-Series off at the power switch and unplug the power cables from the back of the device.

Software license and device warranty

The software licence and device warranty contract ensures your instrument is performing optimally by providing the latest up-to-date hardware and software. The contract guarantees that Oxford Nanopore Technologies support obligations are delivered during the contract period as laid out in sections 4 and 7 of the [Nanopore Product Terms and Conditions](#).

This includes:

- Software updates upon release
- Hardware updates on release
- Return and Replace policy

The service contract extends our warranty to cover the instrument after your initial purchase contract has expired.

What's in the box

The PromethION A-Series is shipped together with the necessary cables and Configuration Test Cells to confirm your hardware is functioning as expected.

Configuration is the process of testing that communication between the PromethION device and the control software is operational prior to experimental work being performed. This is carried out in the absence of any chemistry and uses a specific flow cell known as the Configuration Test Cell (CTC).

The PromethION is packed into two boxes that contain everything needed for installing the device. The shipping weight is ~30 kg, meaning no special equipment is required for installing the PromethION in your laboratory.

Product cross-compatibility

The PromethION A-Series can be used together with:

Flow cells

- FLO-PRO002
- FLO-PRO114M

Kits

FLO-PRO002 flow cells are suitable for:

- Ligation Sequencing Kit (SQK-LSK110)
- Ligation Sequencing Kit (SQK-LSK109)
- PCR-cDNA Sequencing Kit (SQK-PCS111)
- PCR-cDNA Sequencing Kit (SQK-PCS109)
- PCR-cDNA Barcoding Kit (SQK-PCB109)
- Direct cDNA Sequencing Kit (SQK-DCS109)
- Direct RNA Sequencing Kit (SQK-RNA002)

FLO-PRO114M flow cells are suitable for V14 Sequencing kits:

- Ligation Sequencing Kit V14 (SQK-LSK114)
- Ligation Sequencing Kit XL V14 (SQK-LSK114-XL)
- Native Barcoding Kit 24 V14 (SQK-NBD114.24)
- Native Barcoding Kit 96 V14 (SQK-NBD114.96)
- Ultra-Long DNA Sequencing Kit V14 (SQK-ULK114)

- Rapid Barcoding Kit 24 V14 (SQK-RBK114.24)
- Rapid Barcoding Kit 96 V14 (SQK-RBK114.96)
- Rapid Sequencing Kit V14 (SQK-RAD114)

Software

Basecalling:

- MinKNOW
- Dorado

Downstream analysis:

- EPI2ME
- Oxford Nanopore-developed tools and pipelines
- Customer-developed tools and pipelines

Change log

Date	Version	Changes made
20th February 2024	V10	- In "Electrical information", the mains supply voltage and peak power consumption values have been updated. The value for the operating current has been removed. - In "Product cross-compatibility", the Guppy compatibility has been removed
October 2023	V9	The "Electrical information" section has been updated with the requirement for a 200-240 V input voltage range.
August 2023	V8	Device name change from A100 to A-Series
February 2023	V7	Updated Kit 14 compatibilities
September 2022	V6	The "Electrical information" table has been updated.
May 2022	V5	The PromethION 24 and PromethION 48 technical specs have been combined into one document
March 2022	V4	Device name updated to PromethION 48 A100, and the description and specs of the A100 Data Acquisition Unit have been changed accordingly
Feb 2022	V3	Updates to flow cell and kit compatibilities
Nov 2020	V2	Updates to kit compatibilities